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SUBJECT: REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM

- 1. NOW THAT THE QUESTION OF GOOD CONDUCT CERTIFICATES APPEARS TO BE RESOLVED, WE ASSUME THAT U.S. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS IS NOT A LIMITING FACTOR IN MOVING THE PROGRAM ALONG.
- 2. IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY UNHCR AND ICEM ARE NOT ABLE TO START MOVING THE 78 CASES THAT HAVE BEEN FINALLY APPROVED AND PROCESSED.
- 3. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE SUGGEST THAT MISSION GENEVA AND EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES CONTACT ICEM AND UNHCR TO DISCUSS REASON FOR THE BOTTLENECK IN ORDER TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THIS PROBLEM. IF EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE, PERHAPS IT COULD OFFER TO ASSIST UNHOR AND ICEM THROUGH A REQUEST TO THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES TO EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND EXIT PERMITS.

4. IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL, ADDRESSEES COULD REFER TO GROWING CONGRESSIONAL AND WHITE HOUSE INTEREST IN OUR

REFUGEE PROGRAMS IN LATIN AMERICA, AND INCREASING NUMBER OF QUERIES AS TO WHEN REFUGEES WILL ARRIVE IN THE U.S.. EFFORTS TO OVERCOME THE DELAYS WILL BE APPRECIATED BY ALL CONCERNED.

5. FOR GENEVA: WE BELIEVE U.S. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT AND HAVE NEVER BEEN A SIGNIFICANT HINDERANCE TO MOVEMENT. REQUEST MISSION TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM WITH UNHCR AND ICEM IN GENEVA AND REPORT IF THESE AGENCIES PERCEPTIONS DIFFER ON THIS POINT. VANCE

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